

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are all the claims pending in this application. Claims 25 and 26 are added by this amendment and find support at least on page 2, line 17, of the specification. Reconsideration and allowance of all the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Traversat, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,720). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the following basis.

Independent claims 1 and 13 recite the feature of creating the at least one image of the device, wherein the at least one image comprises at least one of an operating system and an application. In an exemplary embodiment, a “golden” workstation may have any operating system and any one or more software packages that the administrator may desire to have in a “base” image of the workstation or other device (see the specification at page 10, lines 16-18). Additional add-on images may be applied to the base image when the image is applied to the workstation, for example (see the specification at page 10, lines 18-19). When the image is placed on the workstation, additional “add-on” images may be automatically placed on the workstation, presenting to the user as if there were a single image placed on the workstation (see the specification at page 14, lines 2-4).

Traversat et al. is directed to a system for providing a data framework and associated client/server protocol for storing and exchanging data among computers in a

network (see Traversat et al., the Abstract). Traversat et al. discloses that the data schema allows a network administrator to manage configuration data for each of the computers in the network from a central repository such as a single server (see Traversat et al., col. 6, lines 19-23). Thus, any software updates, version upgrades, or installation of new applications that require knowledge of and access to a subsystem configuration can be implemented from the central repository and propagated to the individual clients (see Traversat et al., col. 6, lines 19-23). Traversat et al. discloses that under each user's individual node is specific configuration data that contains the personal preferences of that individual user such as shown at 507 (see Traversat et al., col. 9, lines 47-49). For example, in a wordprocessing application, a particular user preference could be a default font and size for documents (see Traversat et al., col. 9, lines 50-52). This category allows an individual user to use any computer on network 107 and have that user's personal configuration available on that computer (see Traversat et al., col. 9, lines 52-55). Thus, while Traversat et al. appears to disclose a system for managing configuration data for computers in the network, Traversat et al. is deficient because it fails to teach or suggest creating the at least one image of the device, *wherein the at least one image comprises at least one of an operating system and an application.*

Since Traversat et al. neither discloses nor suggests the invention claimed in independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-12 or the invention claimed in independent claim 13 and its dependent claims 14-24, these claims clearly are not anticipated by Traversat et al.'s disclosure. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of these claims are requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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